

The Chinese and Japanese for instance cannot be sympathetic towards our laws," said Mr. Rochester.

Mr. Rochester temporarily concluded his remarks at this point and the chairman asked if there were others who wished to speak on the subject. Mr. Hiebert expressed his desire to ask a question and so all quietness the chairman accordingly invited questions that all questions be received before Mr. Rochester be called upon for a reply.

Mr. Hiebert—I want to know whether we are being addressed by a priest or a humanitarian? Mr. Boyle—Mr. Rochester is opposed to the running of the street cars on general principles, and it is what would constitute an exception for permitting them to run? Mr. Robertson—Mr. Rochester is willing to leave the matter with the people.

He said he took the position when the Railway Act was framed that the Legislature should not interfere with the municipalities and that the people should be the makers of the law. He held that the Legislature are the servants of the people. Premier Hiebert interpreted that position as representing the people and the people.

Mr. Macdonald—Does Mr. Rochester consider the Sunday street car an act of evil?

This was considered a large enough hatch by one of the speakers. Mr. Boyle was called upon for a reply.

In reply to Mr. Hiebert he said that humanity prevails and that he had never presented the case of Sabbath observance on the basis of the morality of the church. He thought, however, that some consideration is due to the church for the work it has done in society.

To Mr. Boyle's question, Mr. Rochester said that he had never said that anything was wrong. He said that the fact that Sunday shall be a free time for labor and business as possible. When a specific case occurs there are things that enter into consideration to determine whether a city has arrived at the stage where Sunday cars are necessary.

"When should Edmonton have cars? How are we to determine when a city should have cars?" asked Mr. Boyle.

"It is unreasonable at this stage to grant Edmonton the privilege," replied Mr. Rochester.

"What reasons have you in opposition to the general reason advanced in favor of Sunday cars?" asked Mr. Boyle.

On Mr. Rochester refusing to commit himself to a personal opinion, Mr. McKenna asked him to give an opinion.

"To what extent would it be tyrannical legislation for the Legislature to refuse to grant permission to run the majority of the people without the cars?" was the question.

In Mr. McKenna's opinion the House would be going back on its previous position if it gave the cars. Mr. Boyle's question was made.

Before Mr. Rochester had time to reply, Mr. Puffer asked if he objected to the running of the interurban cars to accommodate Sunday railway passengers.

"The Lord's Day Alliance would find no fault with cars meeting the trains on Sunday, but would if cars were run for any other purpose," replied Mr. Rochester.

Are Sunday cars an unmitigated evil? To this Mr. Rochester replied that he did not think it essentially wrong. He expressed that some respect had to be paid to population and density of a city and the distance people live from their church.

Regarding the question of leaving the matter to the people Mr. Rochester said that the Legislature exercises its prerogative over the people in almost every conceivable way and it should do so in this case as well.

C. W. Cross held that the Legislature passed two years ago was good, but thought that attention should be paid to the application of Edmonton and Calgary with the provision that a plebiscite be taken. Mr. Ross thought that the Dominion Lord's Day Act was passed in the best interests of the whole Dominion and he thought of no more than at the time it was passed. He felt that the Legislature should carefully consider the advisability of making a general concession to municipalities to amend a plebiscite at their pleasure.

Mr. Moore referred to the effect of Sunday street cars to the city of Toronto. He said that his fears of the injurious moral effect had not been realized. The majority in all cases should rule, and for this reason was in favor of the amendment to this act.

Meanwhile Mr. Hiebert was chafing under his temporary inactivity. On rising he said that he would ask him further than the history of the city of Toronto. "Now," he said, "I instituted the law and the Sabbath day, and yet Jesus, who exemplified the conduct of man, sometimes found it convenient to break it."

Mr. Hiebert attempted to speak as one of the "unsympathetic" element, but Mr. Rochester requested that he be relieved from the imputation of unsympathetic because some are. He was then asked whether the Alliance would prosecute a man for facilitating the movement of his grain on the Sabbath day. The reply was that the necessity might be overcome by employing men.

Hon. W. T. Finlay made a few remarks expressing his appreciation of the Lord's Day Act.

"I would ask that you do not prosecute a general non-resident to non-prosecute," concluded Mr. Rochester. "Give the Edmonton and Calgary cases your careful consideration and reserve yourselves the right to decide on the merits of their application."

Eight Townships in South on Market.

Lethbridge, Feb. 17.—The O. W. Keay company have taken over the land of the Knights Sugar company, covering about eight townships in the Raymond and McGrath districts, and will put them on the market as soon as the land surveying commences in the spring. The land, which is of very fine quality, will be sold principally in small blocks.

SASKATCHEWAN GRAIN GROWERS IN SESSION

Report of Delegation to Ottawa Highly Appreciated. The Saskatchewan Grain Growers' association.

Weyburn, Sask., Feb. 17.—Nearly 300 delegates gathered together today at the Weyburn Hotel for the annual convention of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' association.

The proceedings opened promptly this morning at ten, the morning session being largely formal. The delegates from Manitoba and Alberta were welcomed, and the convention, short addresses were given by each of these, following which President Hughes read his report for the year. This showed that the association was in a strong and flourishing condition.

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Mr. Langley, in his annual message, pointed out that while they had not nearly as much as they had hoped to, yet they could not have got that much had they not been assisted by the fact that they had held all sorts of interests. The C.P.R. had been a great help to them. The C.P.R. had been a great help to them. The C.P.R. had been a great help to them.

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TROTTER IS A DEF.

Canadian Labor Representative in Eng and Refutes Charges Against Him.

London, Feb. 17.—W. R. Trotter, writing to the Canadian Associated Press, in regard to statements attributed to him by Canadian newspapers, says of the Regina Labor charging him with using false immigration statistics: "I am too well supplied with facts to trouble myself with fiction."

The immigration statistics used are always those found by the government, and I do not suppose by the government that they have ever been wrongfully used by me. The fact is, the Department is in a bad way and has no other means of getting its figures than to copy statements for me, then contradict its own creation."

The Globe says the references in the King's speech to the boundary question in regard to exports of agricultural products must be deemed satisfactory, the year so in the opinion of the Canadian government had first been ascertained and acted upon in the negotiations.

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REVIVAL IS NOT YET APPARENT IN RETURNS

Total Trade of Dominion For Ten Months Shows Decrease of Almost Eighty-five Millions—Both Imports and Exports Show Falling Off Due to Worldwide Depression.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—During January the imports of the Dominion were practically the same as for January of last year, the total being \$23,118,000, as compared with \$23,373,475 last year. The exports which during the past two or three months have shown considerable increase over the corresponding year, again show a falling off. The total of domestic exports for the month was \$10,387,322, a decrease of \$3,679,085. Of this decrease the falling off in exports of agricultural products accounts for nearly \$4,000,000, and exports of animals and their products decreased by \$1,000,000.

For the past ten months of the current fiscal year the imports totalled \$241,071,762, a decrease of \$66,234,158. The exports of domestic products totalled \$289,570,311, a decrease of \$44,010,522. The exports of foreign products totalled \$17,333,324, a decrease of \$14,250,081.

During the ten months ending and ending was exported to the value of \$1,412,000, as compared with \$1,160,000 for the corresponding period of 1907-8. The total trade of the Dominion for the ten months was \$405,752,477, a decrease of \$44,988,069.

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